

REMARKS

The last Office Action has been carefully considered.

It is noted that claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over the patent to Lampart.

Also, the drawings are objected to.

In connection with the Examiner's objection to the drawings, applicants have amended the specification, so that no changes in the drawings are needed. It is believed that the grounds for the objections to the drawings are therefore eliminated.

With the present Amendment applicants have amended the specification to bring it compliance with the requirements of the U.S. Patent Practice.

Turning now to the Examiner's rejections rejection of the claims over the art and in particular over the patent to Lampart, it is respectfully

submitted that the new features of the present invention as defined in the claims are not disclosed in the reference.

It is believed to be advisable to first of all explain the subject matter of the present invention and emphasize the new features.

The present invention relates to an electrical machine, in particular a generator, which was a shaft 42, a hub 54, and an annular gap 81 formed between the shaft 42 or at least first component 69 non-rotatably connected to the shaft, and the hub or over at least one second component 78 non-rotatably connected to the hub. In accordance with the present invention the annular gap 81 between the above mentioned elements is at least partially filled with a pasty material, in particular grease.

Turning now to the reference and in particular to the patent to Lampart, it is respectfully submitted that the Lampart patent deals exclusively with a pillow block assembly provided with sealing means. The pillow block assembly disclosed in this reference definitely is not an electrical machine as defined in claims 1-9. The patent to Lampart does not provide any hint or suggestions or teaching that it deals with electrical machines, in particular generators. There is no given instruction or teaching for an average person

skill in the art of the field or the electrical machines that the invention of Lampart in the field of pillar block assemblies can be used in electrical machines.

It is therefore believed to be clear that the new features of the present invention which are defined in the claims are not disclosed in this reference, and this reference does not contain any hint or suggestion for such features.

In the applicant's opinion the Examiners conclusion that the present invention is anticipated by the patent to Lampart can not be considered as convincing and it is based on the fact that the Examiner familiarized himself first with the teaching of the present application. The Examiner's opinion is based on an inadmissible ex-post facto analysis, based his knowledge of the present invention.

It is therefore respectfully submitted that the patent to Lampart neither anticipates the electrical machine of the present invention as defined in the claims, nor makes the electrical machine of the present invention obvious.

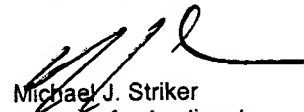
It is respectfully requested to withdraw the Examiner's rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) over the patent to Lampart.

The claims currently on file should be considered as patentably distinguishing over the art and should be allowed.

Reconsideration and allowance of present application is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Any costs involved should be charged to the deposit account of the undersigned (No. 19-4675). Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-549-4700).

Respectfully submitted,



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